



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending June 4, 2006, dry conditions continued to stress crops and pastures according to USDA National Agricultural Statistic Service, Nebraska Field Office. Any amount of precipitation received across the state last week was quickly consumed by the hot and windy weather. Soil moisture levels continue to decline with both top and subsoil nearly two-thirds short and very short. The Southwest and Central Districts are the driest, with precipitation since April 1 below 40 percent of normal.

Weather Summary: Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below to six degrees above normal. The hottest part of the state was the Panhandle with temperatures in the low to mid-nineties. The southeast continued to see the most precipitation with reports of up to three inches in some areas.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending June 4, 2006

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	37	33	0	11
Short	31	34	6	17
Adequate	32	33	88	68
Surplus	0	0	6	4
Subsoil				
Very Short	30	21	2	18
Short	32	39	14	26
Adequate	38	40	82	56
Surplus	0	0	2	0
Days Suitable	6.3	6.2	2.7	4.6

Field Crops Report: Wheat conditions rated 20 percent very poor, 25 poor, 34 fair, 19 good, and 2 excellent. This was a decline from last weeks 29 good and excellent and continues to be well below last year's 43. Wheat headed was at 87 percent, ahead of 76 last year and 75 average. Sixteen percent of the wheat was turning color compared to 4 last year and 7 average.

Corn emerged was at 97 percent, even with last year and ahead of 94 average. Corn conditions rated 3 percent poor, 30 fair, 60 good, and 7 excellent. This is near last year's condition.

Soybean planting was nearing the end with 98 percent complete. This is near last year's 96 and ahead of 91 average. Soybeans emerged increased to 81 percent, ahead of last year's 76 and well ahead of 64 average.

Alfalfa first cutting continued to be about a week ahead of average and was 76 percent complete. This is well ahead of last year's 54 and average of 51. Alfalfa conditions declined

and rated 3 percent very poor, 17 poor, 34 fair, 42 good, and 4 excellent. This rating is below last year.

Oat conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 15 poor, 39 fair, 38 good, and 4 excellent, which is well below last year. Oats headed was at 32 percent. This is above last year's 15 and the five-year average of 23.

Sorghum planted was 84 percent complete. This is ahead of last year's 80 and 74 average. Sorghum was 47 percent emerged. This is near last year's 45 and ahead of the average of 39.

Dry bean planting was 61 percent complete. This is well ahead of last year's 22 and average of 39 due to the dry conditions. Dry beans emerged was at 15 percent, ahead of 3 last year and 8 average.

Proso millet planting was underway and was 9 percent complete. This is ahead of last year's 4 but below the average of 19.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending June 4, 2006

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	76	53	54	51
Corn Emerged	97	92	97	94
Dry Beans Planted	61	33	22	39
Sorghum Planted	84	67	80	74
Sorghum Emerged	47	22	45	39
Soybeans Planted	98	93	96	91
Soybeans Emerged	81	48	76	64
Wheat Headed	87	65	76	75
Wheat Turning Color	16	0	4	7

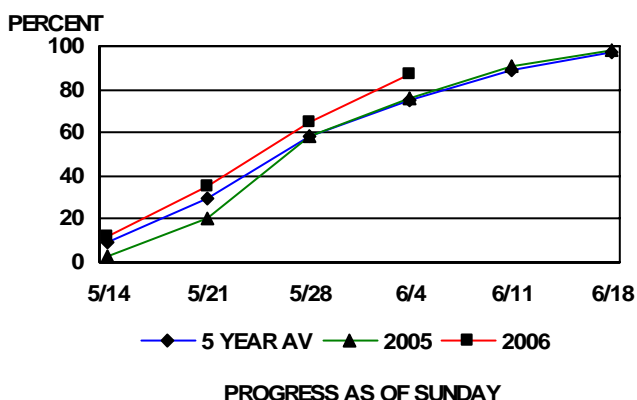
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending June 4, 2006

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	3	17	34	42	4
Corn	0	3	30	60	7
Oats	4	15	39	38	4
Soybeans	0	5	31	56	8
Wheat	20	25	34	19	2

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions continued to decline and rated 12 percent very poor, 26 poor, 27 fair, 33 good, and 2 excellent.

This release is based on data from FSA county directors, extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm.

WHEAT HEADED



SOYBEANS PLANTED

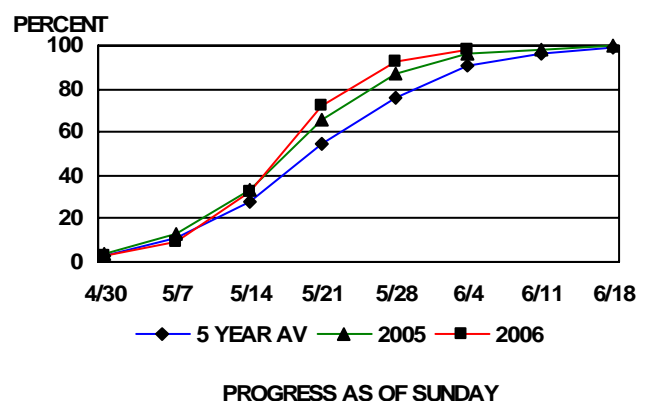


Figure 1 is a map of the state of Georgia, divided into counties. Each county is labeled with a numerical value representing the percentage of the population aged 65 and over. The values range from 0.00 to 2.72. The map shows a clear trend of higher percentages in the northern and western parts of the state, with values generally decreasing towards the southeast.

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.33	.14	.61	.24	.78	.43	1.00	1.60
Total since April 1	2.14	3.73	4.95	2.60	6.11	1.92	3.12	7.61
Normal since April 1	5.19	5.90	6.95	6.63	7.41	5.71	6.41	7.45
Total as % of normal	41%	63%	71%	38%	82%	33%	48%	101%

Station		Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15		
		Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
		High	Low					
NW	Alliance	93	43	64	+2	105	549	475
	Scottsbluff	93	42	66	+3	110	608	474
	Sidney	93	36	63	-1	102	563	490
NC	Ainsworth	91	48	69	+3	131	599	538
	Arthur	92	44	66	0	113	585	525
	O'Neill	91	49	70	+3	134	600	547
NE	Concord	90	56	74	+6	161	624	567
	Elgin	91	56	72	+5	147	613	559
	West Point	90	49	73	+5	159	646	595
C	Grand Island	87	50	70	+4	142	687	553
	Lexington	90	52	71	+5	139	703	542
	Ord	89	46	70	+4	140	654	547
EC	Central City	90	50	72	+5	151	688	563
	Lincoln	87	56	74	+5	164	708	613
	Mead	89	51	74	+5	163	696	611
SW	Champion	93	47	67	+2	117	672	528
	Dickens	92	45	67	+2	124	684	534
	McCook	90	52	68	+2	123	682	538
SC	Minden	89	51	70	+4	140	704	546
	Red Cloud	87	52	71	+4	148	699	559
	Smithfield	89	53	70	+4	135	698	543
SE	Beatrice	88	56	72	+3	150	694	613
	Clay Center	87	49	70	+4	142	675	558
	Nemaha	87	60	74	+5	166	737	630

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